

**REMARKS**

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth the claims in this Preliminary Amendment to incorporate claim amendments made under PCT Article 34 as well as further amendments to remove multiple and improper claim dependency. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the claims as presented in this Preliminary Amendment for examination purposes. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment and entry is therefore respectfully requested.

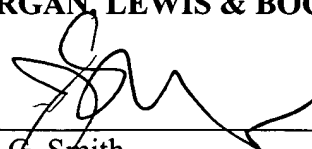
Applicants have not, however, included amendments that were made to the application Specification under PCT Article 34. If the Examiner would prefer that Applicants submit a supplemental Amendment to more particularly set out the amendments made to the specification under PCT Article 34, please notify the undersigned and we would be pleased to do so.

**CONCLUSION**

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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